Senate Study Bill 3217

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing the use of voting centers at regular school
2   elections in certain counties and providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1   Section 1. Section 49.9, Code 2005, is amended to read as
1 2 follows:
1 3   49.9 PROPER PLACE OF VOTING.
1 4   No Except as provided in section 49.9A, no person shall
1 5 vote in any precinct but that of the person's residence.
1 6   Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 49.9A ESTABLISHMENT OF VOTING
1 7 CENTERS AUTHORIZED == REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTIONS.
1 8   1. Notwithstanding section 49.9, the county commissioner
1 9 of elections in a county with a population in excess of three
1 10 hundred thousand may establish voting centers for use in a
1 11 regular school election as provided in this section. Any
1 12 registered voter of the county who is eligible to vote in the
1 13 regular school election may vote at any voting center in the
1 14 county.
1 15   2. The county commissioner of elections shall designate
1 16 the location of each voting center to be used in the election.
1 17 Each voting center shall have a secure electronic connection
1 18 to provide voting information to and receive voting
1 19 information from the electronic registration book maintained
1 20 by the county commissioner of elections. The secure
1 21 electronic connection shall be sufficient to prevent any voter
1 22 from voting more than once and to prevent unauthorized access
1 23 to the electronic registration book.
1 24   The electronic registration book shall contain all voter
1 25 registration information necessary to allow an election
1 26 official at a voting center to determine the proper ballot,
1 27 containing the correct offices and public measures, for each
1 28 voter seeking to vote at the voting center. The electronic
1 29 registration book shall be constructed to permit all voting
1 30 information processed by any computer at a voting center to be
1 31 immediately accessible to all other computers at all voting
1 32 centers in the county.
1 33   3. A voting center designated under this section is
1 34 subject to the requirements of section 49.21 relating to
1 35 accessibility to persons who are elderly and persons with
2 1 disabilities and relating to the posting of signs. The
2 2 location of each voting center shall be published by the
2 3 county commissioner of elections in the same manner as the
2 4 location of polling places is required to be published.
2 5   Sec. 3. REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. On or before January
2 6 15, 2009, the county commissioner of elections of a county
2 7 that utilized voting centers in one or more regular school
2 8 elections shall report to the general assembly. The report
2 9 shall contain information on voter turnout at the elections
2 10 where voting centers were used, cost savings realized if any,
2 11 and any other matters deemed appropriate.
2 12   Sec. 4. IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed
2 13 of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
2 14   EXPLANATION
2 15   This bill authorizes the use of voting centers for regular
2 16 school elections in counties with a population in excess of

2 17 300,000. The bill provides that a registered voter of the
2 18 county who is eligible to vote at the regular school election
2 19 may vote at any voting center in the county.
2 20   The bill provides that each voting center shall have a
2 21 secure electronic connection to an electronic registration
2 22 book, maintained by the county commissioner of elections, in
2 23 order to provide voting information to and receive voting
2 24 information from the electronic registration book.
2 25   The bill requires that a county commissioner of elections
2 26 from a county that utilized voting centers at a regular school
2 27 election is to report certain findings to the general assembly
2 28 on or before January 15, 2009.
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